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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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EXAMINER: JONES, D. C.

SERIAL NO: 10/084,160 :

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GROUP ART UNIT: 1614

FOR: METHOD FOR SPECIFICALLY
POTENTIATING N-TYPE CA²⁺
CHANNEL ACTIVITY :

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action of April 17, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group II, Claims 3-8, drawn to a method of treating brain disorders. In addition, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, dementia as a species of brain disorder. Claims 1-8 and 15-20 read on the elected species, and Claims 1-8 and 15-20 are generic.

REMARKS

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-2, drawn to a method of potentiating an N-type Ca⁺⁺ channel activity;

Group II: Claims 3-8, drawn to a method of treating brain disorders; and

Group III: Claims 9-14, drawn to a method of screening.

In addition, the Office has required the election of a species of brain disorder.



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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Requirement for Restriction (3 pp.)

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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